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PATENT

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 FOR: IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MANAGING :
 APPARATUS, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
 MANAGING SYSTEM AND
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MANAGING
 METHOD

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

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Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application
 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- 1 17. (Newly Added) The method of claim 6 including a step of individually
- 2 obtaining an identification code for each of the plurality of IEEE 1394 equipment;
- 3 and
- 4 said generation step individually generating a respective identifier using
- 5 both (a) the identification code individually obtained by each of the IEEE 1394
- 6 equipment and (b) the identification number forwarded to each of the IEEE 1394
- 7 equipment in the communications step.